



Stone County Economic Development Partnership

June 15, 2011

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn  
The Honorable Robert McDowell  
The Honorable Michael Copps  
Commissioners, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners,

The Stone County Economic Development Partnership (SCEDP) was established in 1999 to promote greater business and economic opportunities in our county. Our efforts focus on economic development, tourism, business expansion and support for the infrastructure and community service development to accommodate a growing economy.

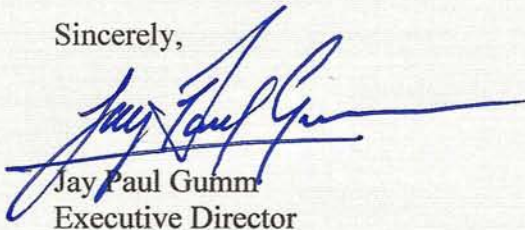
We see the expansion of high-speed Internet service as crucial to helping our predominantly rural community continue to grow economically. The growth of high-speed wireless Internet service is particularly important and that is why I endorse the proposed T-Mobile merger with AT&T.

In our community, farmers are adopting wireless to become more efficient producers. Seniors and others with ongoing medical conditions are starting to use wireless healthcare to monitor their health while avoiding expensive trips to a doctor's office. Better wireless service is also important to our efforts to attract new businesses to our area.

By approving the AT&T merger with T-Mobile, you will help accelerate the deployment of new, high-capacity wireless Internet service not only in Stone County but in counties across Mississippi. Improved wireless Internet access has the potential to be the "rising tide" that helps everyone in our community have a better life.

That is why I urge your support for the AT&T merger with T-Mobile.

Sincerely,



Jay Paul Gumm  
Executive Director